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PLO LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PROTESTS ISRAELI AIR STRIKES

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[Text] United Nations, 29 Aug--The Palestine Liberation Organization wrote a letter that was circulated to Security Council members. The letter said that on 20 August, "Israel", a member of this international body, committed yet another act of state terrorism. It sent its warplanes on a mission of death and destruction directed against innocent civilian Palestinian refugees of the town of Ad-Damur and the Burj al-Barajinah refugee camp--both in the Republic of Lebanon.

"Israel's" latest attack, targets of which were a summer school and a sporting camp, left 4 dead and 25 wounded.

The letter called for taking immediate and effective measures to put an end to this series of "Israeli" atrocities, which constitute an imminent threat to international peace and security.

ABU 'IYAD URGES UNITED FRONT OF SYRIA, PALESTINIANS, LEBANESE PROGRESSIVES

JN291555Y Voice of Palestine [Clandestine] in Arabic to Arab World 1615 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Brother Abu 'Iyad [Salah Khalaf], member of the Fatah Central Committee, yesterday met with the editorial staff of FILASTIN ATH-THAWRAH. Brother Abu 'Iyad reviewd in detail all issues of interest to the Palestinian revolution. He replied to all questions raised by the brothers of the editorial staff. The meeting lasted 2 and 1/2 hours. The following are some of the basic points made by brother Abu 'Iyad.

Regarding the issue of national unity, brother Abu 'Iyad asserted that the Palestinian Central Council has formed a supreme committee for national unity from the Palestinian Central Council, the Executive Committee and the factions of the revolution. He added that Fatah's proposal for national unity could be a practical and acceptable step toward Palestinian national unity. He said that Fatah sees democratic dialog as the best means to achieve national unity, and it rejects all attacks and arbitrary accusations, because they contradict the current efforts to achieve unity. Brother Abu 'Iyad reaffirmed that Fatah is serious in its efforts to achieve national unity.

Speaking about the situation in Lebanon, brother Abu 'Iyad said that the Phalangists and the National Liberals are Israel's arm in Lebanon. These two parties are publicly allied with the enemy against all Arabs. This treacherous stand, Abu 'Iyad continues, makes it necessary for Syria, the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese nationalist and progressive movement to form one national front.

Commenting on his recent visit to the Soviet Union, brother Abu 'Iyad emphasized that it was successful. Moreover, Soviet and Palestinian views were identical on all current issues. He said the Soviet Union is firmly supporting our Palestinian people.

ABU JIHAD ADDRESSES CADRE GRADUATION CEREMONY

JN291857Y Voice of Palestine [Clandestine] in Arabic to Arab World 1616 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Brother Abu Jihad [Khalil al-Wazir], member of the Fatah Central Committee and member of the Al-'Asifah forces general command, yesterday reaffirmed that the Fatah movement is prepared to establish national unity according to any formula agreed on by our brothers in the other factions of the Palestinian revolution. He stressed the importance of building military unity among all fighters in the revolution.

Brother Abu Jihad was speaking at a graduation ceremony for a political education class of the revolution's military cadres. It is noteworthy that this class was supervised by the department of mobilization and political guidance of the Al-'Asifah forces.

Brother Abu Jihad reviewed Fatah's relations with the international community and with liberation movements. He said the Fatah movement has established firm relations with the socialist bloc countries, Islamic countries, African countries, Latin America and non-aligned countries. In the course of his speech, brother Abu Jihad touched on the escalated military operations being carried out by our revolutionaries inside the occupied homeland. He also drew attention to the enemy military mobilization on the northern front in preparation for new aggression.

Concluding his speech, brother Abu Jihad emphasized the importance of military discipline and controlled behavior in the revolution's ranks, especially at this critical juncture.

PALESTINIAN SPOKESMAN REPORTS RECENT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES

JN2616547Y Voice of Palestine [Clandestine] in Arabic to Arab World 1600 GMT 26 Aug 78 JN

[Text] One of our revolutionaries has attacked the Zionist labor office in Nabulus with incendiary bombs, causing fire to break out inside and injuring a Zionist guard. This was announced by the Palestinian military spokesman in a communique issued today, which said:

On the evening of 24 August, one of our revolutionaries from the special groups attacked the Zionist labor office in Nabulus with incendiary bombs. The office was directly hit and fire broke out inside, gutting all its contents. A Zionist guard was injured. The Zionist security forces, which cordoned off the area, were not able to track our revolutionary, who returned safely to base.

Jerusalem, Janin Operations

JN2717307 Voice of Palestine [Clandestine] in Arabic to Arab World 1600 GMT 27 Aug 78 JN

[Excerpt] The Palestinian revolutionary groups operating inside the occupied homeland were able to set off bombs today in the main station where oil trucks pick up fuel. This station is located in the western sector of Jerusalem. The explosion caused the destruction of an oil truck as well as the death and injury of 10 of the Zionist enemy. Bombs were also placed near the entrance of the Zionist labor office in occupied Janin. This was announced by the military spokesman of the general command of the Palestinian revolution forces in two military communiques issued today.

Patrol Vehicle, Factory Damaged

JN2917427 Voice of Palestine [Clandestine] in Arabic to Arab World 1600 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Excerpt] Our Palestinian fighters day before yesterday attacked an enemy patrol vehicle with handgrenades and machinegun fire when it tried to enter the Balata refugee camp near occupied Nabulus in the West Bank. Three of the enemy were hit and the vehicle was badly damaged. Our fighters were also able to place timed explosive and incendiary charges inside the warehouse of a factory which makes wooden crates for fruit. The factory is in the industrial zone south of Tel Aviv. The charges were discovered, and a Zionist explosives expert shifted them to the factory yard. The charges went off 15 minutes later, damaging the front of the factory. These two reports came in a statement issued today by the military spokesman of the general command of the Palestinian revolution forces.

KUWAIT

OIL MINISTER RETURNS HOME FROM UAE, QATAR

LD291120Y Kuwait Domestic Service in Arabic 1000 GMT 29 Aug 78 LD

[Text] At 1230 Oil Minister Shaykh 'Ali al-Khalifah as-Sabah returned home from a brief visit to the UAE and Qatar. The minister told the KUWAITI NEWS AGENCY that in the course of the tour he conferred with His Highness Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan and His Highness Shaykh Khalifah ibn Hamad Al Thani, about the oil situation in general. He said he explained the results of the recent meetings the OPEC exports held in London.

The minister stated in Abu Dhabi last night following his meeting with His Highness Shaykh Zayid that it has not been agreed yet to hold an extraordinary OPEC meeting to discuss the oil prices and the dollar. He said: The possibility of holding the conference cannot be decided except after completing consultations with the OPEC 13 member-states.

SAUDI ARABIA

'UKAZ SAYS CAMP DAVID TALKS BOUND TO FAIL

LD292133Y Jidda 'UKAZ in Arabic 26 Aug 78 p 1 LD

[Editorial]

[Excerpts] The United States is now openly declaring that the purpose of the Camp David meeting is not to reach a peaceful solution but rather to negotiate in order to reach such a solution.

We do not think that President Carter wants this meeting just to learn the conflicting Egyptian and Israeli views, because the United States is well aware of both the Israeli and the Egyptian position. Also, we find no justification for U.S. participation in this conference as a third party as long as it has declared its inability to reach any kind of peace formula for the Camp David meeting.

It is a known fact that within the U.S. political structure there is more than one authority that draws up strategic plans of which the master of the White House might not be aware. This is exactly what happened when Abba Eban met with Johnson prior to the 1967 war and no agreement was reached between them on any kind of political action. At the same time, however, there was an agreement between the CIA and Israeli intelligence to strike at 'Abd an-Nasir and remove him from power. Since such a U.S. stance was adopted during an earlier political era, it creates the feeling that there might be an agreement between Israeli intelligence and U.S. intelligence of which President Carter is ignorant--or pretends to be so--because U.S. actions in the area are not consistent with the peaceful role the White House is theoretically trying to play.

The forthcoming Camp David meetings are a failure even before they begin, just as all previous attempts to achieve peace have failed. This is because the secret agreements that link Israel and the United States prompt the authorities in that major state to serve Israel at the expense of the Arabs.

President Carter's declaration at this particular time that he will not negotiate with Israel without Egypt's knowledge confirms that such secret negotiations are taking place. The U.S. role is not a real one; rather, it is an attempt to cover up the real U.S. and Israeli actions in the Middle East.

SOURCE COMMENTS ON ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT

NC300715Y Cairo MENA in Arabic 2345 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Cairo, 29 Aug--Commenting on the document which the Israeli Government issued yesterday explaining the position it will adopt at Camp David, an official Egyptian source has stated that the document not only reflects old ideas held by Israeli leaders, but also adds a new stand represented by the demand for a permanent Israeli military and civilian presence in all the Arab territories.

AL-AHRAM, which publishes this report in its Wednesday edition, adds that the Egyptian source made the following basic remarks about the Israeli document:

The document attributed to the Israeli Foreign Ministry indicates that the Israeli Government presupposes that the failure of the Camp David conference will not obstruct the peace process or the continuation of negotiations.

This indicates that Israel will be going to the summit conference with proposals which it expects to be unacceptable and which might lead to the failure of the conference. It also indicates that Israel will concentrate on the continuation of the negotiations without paying attention to the concept and aims of the negotiations: the achievement of a lasting and just peace.

The groundless supposition that the negotiations will continue after a summit meeting, which includes the parties concerned represented at the highest level, is an indication that all Israel seeks from all this is a mere pretense of negotiations without making any progress. In this case, negotiations would be a goal in themselves, not a means to make progress and establish peace.

The Egyptian source added: In its document, Israel reiterates its previous declared stand on autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza and adds: "Israel agrees to the participation of representatives of the population of the West Bank and Gaza in the negotiations on the future of these territories."

In this document, Israel refers to the population of the West Bank and Gaza Strip only, and does not mention the Palestinian people at all. It also points out that the negotiations to be attended by the representatives of this population will discuss the future of the West Bank and Gaza, not the future of the Palestinian people and their right to self-determination.

The document mentions the inevitability of Israel's withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and adds a new stand to its present position. The document refers to a permanent Israeli military and civilian presence in all the territories, the right of Israel to buy lands and the right of the Israelis to move and settle wherever they want. Israel would discuss the question of sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza after 5 years of giving absolute freedom to the Israelis to do what they want and without committing Israel to a withdrawal.

Regarding the question of withdrawal from the Arab territories, Israel speaks about a regional compromise solution which it will be prepared to discuss if any of the parties submit it, in order to conclude a peace treaty [mu'ahadat sulh] based on this principle.

Naturally, this formula means no more than Israel's refusal to withdraw from the Arab territory and its hope that one of the Arab parties would submit a peace treaty based on the principle of accepting a regional compromise solution.

It is clear from this document that Israel entirely disregards the questions of the Palestinian people, Palestinian entity, withdrawal, Jerusalem, secure borders and security arrangements and concentrates only on its permanent military and civilian presence and on the right to buy lands.

AL-AHRAM: IMPORTANT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AFTER 30 AUG NSC MEETING

NC300622Y Cairo MENA in Arabic 2315 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Cairo, 29 Aug--The newspaper AL-AHRAM reports in its Wednesday edition that after its emergency meetings, which President as-Sadat has called for Wednesday, the Egyptian National Security Council will issue an important statement defining Egypt's strategy for the Camp David conference and Egypt's alternative strategy, taking into consideration all possible eventualities.

The paper reports that the statement will be of the utmost importance in defining Egypt's position on the fateful questions of the Arab cause in general and the Palestine question in particular, especially Egypt's views on the peripheral attempts to minimize the importance of the Camp David conference by releasing old plans and projects which have been rejected by the world and U.S. public opinion, as well as by Egypt.

AL-AHRAM notes that some responsible sources have said that while Egypt is attaching great importance to the Camp David conference as a step complementing President as-Sadat's historic initiative, they see that this interest in the convening of the conference is not met with the same amount of seriousness by other parties.

These sources have added that Egypt will study its alternative strategy within the framework of defining its strategy at the Camp David conference, taking into consideration all eventualities. President as-Sadat is drawing up and defining this strategy in consultation with the political and other organizations which will take part in the emergency meeting of the National Security Council, taking into consideration the most important and most complex Arab, regional and international interests.

KAMIL, GHALI, AIDES CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT

NC291635Y Cairo MENA in Arabic 1618 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Cairo, 29 Aug--Minister of Foreign Affairs Muhammad Ibrahim Kamil today held a lengthy meeting with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Butrus Butrus Ghali in the presence of the foreign minister's aides and advisers as part of the continuous meetings the foreign minister is holding to complete the preparations for the Camp David conference.

These meetings are reviewing the studies and political documents regarding the Middle East question in light of Egypt's principled stand, which is based on a comprehensive and just solution, including the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and solving the Palestine question. The meetings are also studying the latest Israeli statements on Israel's stand regarding the Middle East question.

MENA has learned that the documents and studies relating to the Palestine question, the rights of the Palestinian people and the future of the West Bank and Gaza were reviewed at the meeting.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE IN SUPPORT OF AS-SADAT

NC291326Y Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Thousands of inhabitants from some governorates in the republic gathered at Al-Jumhuriyah Square in Cairo today to declare their support for an allegiance to President as-Sadat in all steps he takes on the path of a just peace.

Vice President Husni Mubarak welcomed the sons of the people who came from some governorates and gathered in Al-Jumhuriyah Square. His excellency addressed the crowd and conveyed to the people the greetings of President as-Sadat. He also expressed President as-Sadat's happiness because the people support him.

Fikri Makram 'Ubayd, the secretary general of the National Democratic Party, also addressed the crowd gathered in Al-Jumhuriyah Square. He hailed President as-Sadat and his efforts to build modern Egypt.

Delegations from the canal, Alexandria, Al-Minufiyah and Cairo governorates and delegations representing Egypt's workers submitted documents written in blood emphasizing their unanimous decision to support President as-Sadat in all steps he takes at the forthcoming Camp David conference to establish a just peace. Marchers carried dozens of placards expressing appreciation and support for President as-Sadat and the National Democratic Party.

A popular procession consisting of about 700 students from Alexandria and Al-Buhayrah governorates and members of the National Democratic Party in Alexandria left Alexandria for Ismailia this morning to declare their full support for and allegiance to President Muhammad Anwar as-Sadat in all steps he takes on the path of peace. The procession members will submit a document of support for and allegiance to the president on behalf of the party's leaderships and the masses in Alexandria.

EGYPT TO OBSERVE LIBYAN REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY

NC290731Y Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] It has been decided to suspend work in all ministries, government departments and companies on Saturday, 2 September, on the occasion of the 1 September [Libyan revolution] anniversary.

Prime Minister Mamduh Salim issued a decision yesterday giving workers a holiday on Saturday because 1 September falls on Friday, which is a weekly holiday.

MAURITANIAN, ZAIRIAN PRESIDENTS SEND MESSAGES TO AS-SADAT

NC261325Y Cairo MENA in Arabic 1308 GMT 26 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Cairo, 26 Aug--Vice President Muhammad Husni Mubarak today received Col Ahmed Ould Abdallah, member of the Military Committee for National Recovery in the Mauritanian Republic and envoy of Mauritanian President Moustapha Ould Mohamed Saleck. Saleck gave Mubarak a message for President Anwar as-Sadat from the Mauritanian president.

Mubarak also received Gen (Babif Zalubi), the coordinator general of the Zaire Armed Forces chief of staff, who handed him a message from Zaire President Mobutu for President as-Sadat.

IRAQI, GDR OFFICIALS DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION

JN291133Y Baghdad INA in Arabic 0830 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Excerpt] Baghdad, 29 Aug--Hasan 'Ali, Revolution Command Council member, minister of trade and chairman of the Iraqi delegation to the joint Iraqi-GDR committee, met this morning with Manfred Schubert, state secretary of the Ministry of Construction of Machine Tools and Processing Machinery in the GDR and chairman of the industry and constructions subcommittee of the Iraqi-GDR joint committee. During the meeting, they discussed economic cooperation between the two countries and the significance of the issues to be discussed in the meetings of the joint Iraqi-GDR committee, which will begin in the first quarter of 1979 in Berlin.

GDR Minister Leaves

JN292023Y Baghdad INA in Arabic 1220 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Excerpt] Baghdad, 29 Aug--Manfred Schubert, state secretary of the Ministry of Construction of Machine Tools and Processing Machinery in the GDR and chairman of the industry and constructions subcommittee of the Iraqi-GDR joint committee, today concluded his 4-day visit to Iraq.

KUWAITI OIL MINISTER VISITS BAGHDAD

JN280815Y Baghdad INA in Arabic 0750 GMT 28 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 28 Aug--Shaykh 'Ali al-Khalifah as-Sabah, the Kuwaiti oil minister, made a short visit to Iraq last night during which he met with Tayih 'Abd al-Karim, Iraqi oil minister and member of the Revolution Command Council.

Following the meeting, Shaykh as-Sabah said that his visit is part of the contacts and consultations with Iraqi Oil Minister Tayih 'Abd al-Karim on the OPEC issues.

Shaykh as-Sabah was accompanied on the visit by 'Abd ar-Razzaq Muhammad Husayn, Oil Ministry under secretary. The Kuwaiti minister was received and seen off at the airport by the oil minister and the Kuwaiti ambassador in Baghdad.

YUGOSLAV DELEGATION HOLDS TALKS ON AGRICULTURE

JN291750Y Baghdad INA in English 1700 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 29 Aug--Muhsin ash-Sha'lan, secretary general of the Iraqi General Federation for Peasants Cooperatives, today met here the Yugoslav delegation led by the secretary of the Executive Bureau of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the nature of peasant organization in Iraq and Yugoslavia and aspects of the agricultural work and the services rendered by the Iraqi federation for the peasants for creating a developed socialist countryside.

The head of the Yugoslav delegation expressed admiration at the all-round comprehensive development witnessed by Ba'th-led Iraq, particularly in the agricultural sector.

COMMENTARY CITES ISRAELI PLOTS AGAINST REGIME

JN292100Y Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 1900 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Arye Avenri, well-known Israeli journalist, former Knesset member and chief editor of the leftist weekly HA'OLAM HAZE, yesterday disclosed that Gen Ari'el Sharon, minister of agriculture and chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Settlements, had entrusted him with the mission of contacting the PLO in order to reach an agreement with it to overthrow the regime in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Sharon's stand on this question is well known. He was one of the first to call for annexing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on the grounds that they are Israeli territory. He had previously spoken of a new homeland for the Palestinians in the East Bank, hoping to find among the Palestinians traitors to cooperate with him in liquidating their cause and in destroying the Jordanian existence.

We have no doubt that Sharon, who is very close to Menahem Begin, did not try to contact the PLO to overthrow the regime in Jordan without the full knowledge of the Israeli Cabinet, which is determined to adhere to its stand on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The cabinet has looked for a handful of traitors among the courageous Palestinian people to destroy this steadfast Arab bastion, which has been and will remain a refuge for all free, honest and displaced Arabs and a home and base for them to regain their usurped rights and pride. From the beginning Jordan has been a pan-Arab base; it resisted the French invasion of fraternal Syria early in the decade of the twenties of this century. Jordan has been and will remain loyal to its revolutionary pan-Arab mission. Jordan will remain steadfast in the face of all plots against its existence aimed at covering up the plot of liquidating the Palestine question.

Jordan realizes the dimensions of the Zionist plot to obliterate the Palestinian reality, both as a homeland and people, from the Jordan River in the east to the Mediterranean in the west and to find a substitute for the Palestinians as compensation. This realization and awareness prompts Jordan to remain steadfast and adhere more strongly to its pan-Arab stand now that it has become clear that Jordan's pan-Arab stand is the main stumbling block in the way of the Israeli plot to liquidate the Palestine question and the question of the occupied Palestinian land and the Palestinian people, both the dispersed and those under occupation.

Despite the fact that Begin's government being behind the contacts which General Sharon tried to make with the PLO leader in itself is a grave indication for peace on the eve of the Camp David summit, Jordan will not stand idly by in the face of any plot aimed at destroying its existence. As always, Jordan will remain steadfast and will confront the plot to liquidate the Palestine question.

We know the Begin government's stand, and Sharon's stand in particular. We also know the stand of the Israeli left, which appointed itself to make contacts serving the aggressive purposes of Begin's government. However, what we do not know and cannot understand is how certain people--particularly Egypt and the United States--can believe Israeli allegations of peace at a time when Israel's actions in Lebanon and in the occupied land and its intentions for Jordan provide indications against security and peace.

CROWN PRINCE LEAVES FOR BUENOS AIRES UN CONFERENCE

JN291614Y Amman JNA in Arabic 1600 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Amman, 29 August--His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hasan left today for Argentina to address the UN Conference for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries which will be held in Buenos Aires tomorrow.

The prince was seen off at Amman airport by His Majesty King Husayn, Princes 'Abdallah and Faysal, the acting prime minister, the chief of the Royal Court, the minister of court, the commander in chief of the armed forces and the chief qadi.

Traveling on the same plane are the members of the Jordanian delegation to the conference.

TRADE PACT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA APPROVED IN AMMAN

JN291107Y Amman JNA in Arabic 0950 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Amman, 29 August--A royal decree has been issued approving the cabinet's decision concerning the long-term trade agreement between Jordan and Czechoslovakia. The agreement provides for expanding trade between the countries to the maximum.

In accordance with the agreement, the two sides will grant each other the most favored nation status with regard to all issues pertaining to trade relations. The two sides will apply this principle to customs duties and taxes that could be levied when importing and exporting goods.

The agreement stipulates that the two sides will issue import and export licenses within the context of laws and regulations which are valid in the two countries. All payments shall be made in hard transferable currency.

The two sides will encourage the setting up of projects that are of mutual benefit including joint projects, the exchange of know-how and other facets of economic and technical co-operation, and measures to facilitate participation in international fairs and organizing fairs.

The agreement also provides for forming a joint committee to review the outcome of the implementation of this agreement and to resolve problems that might arise during the implementation.

ADF COMMAND CRITICIZES CONDUCT OF AL-ARZ OPERATION

NC291900Y Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[29 August statement issued by the Arab Deterrent Forces Command--read by announcer]

[Text] The Arab Deterrent Forces Command is issuing this statement as a followup to the 28 August communique on the details of the military operation carried out by a unit of the Arab Deterrent Forces in the Al-Arz area. The Arab Deterrent Force. Command announces that the consequences of the behavior and results of the implementation of the operation were inconsistent with the spirit of the orders given in such operations. The command orders that those responsible for these actions be referred to the Special Examining Committee which was set up in February of this year.

The committee will investigate all subjects currently being raised regarding the above-mentioned behavior, particularly the question of the Al-Arz victims. All those charged will be referred to the special judiciary.

SARKIS MEETS WITH AL-HUSS, BUTRUS, PIERRE AL-JUMAYYIL

NC291210Y Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1030 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] This morning the Presidential Palace was the scene of intensive activity. President Sarkis met with Prime Minister Dr Salim al-Huss and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defense Fu'ad Butrus. The foreign minister informed President Sarkis and Prime Minister Al-Huss of the outcome of his discussions yesterday with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad and top-level Syrian officials, which dealt with the situation in Lebanon.

Minister Butrus said that the views concerning the subjects discussed were identical to a large extent. These views were also contained in President Sarkis' letter which Minister Butrus conveyed to President Hafiz al-Asad.

The foreign minister also affirmed that positions and steps must be taken in the near future concerning the situation in the south.

In the context of the discussions he is holding with political personalities in the country to handle the current situation, President Sarkis met at 1000 with Shaykh Pierre al-Jumayyil. The meeting lasted 2 hours, in the wake of which Shaykh Pierre al-Jumayyil. said: There is no doubt that the task is very difficult in all its aspects and must be dealt with from this point of view. We must clarify some matters. I met with President Sarkis today and took the opportunity to clarify some of these matters. We have already rejected partition and have worked for Arab solidarity and openness within Lebanon's independence and sovereignty. Jumayyil added: The situation should be dealt with seriously in cooperation with the former sincere friends and brothers. Lebanon is one of the world's most beautiful and modern countries and it is a shame that the Arabs and the world should let it collapse. They should, rather, save it from its predicament. I hope that the president will work diligently in order to save Lebanon from this atmosphere, which is pervaded by dark clouds.

To a question, Shaykh Pierre al-Jumayyil replied: President Sarkis suffers more than any other Lebanese because he is the one who is responsible and who represents legitimacy.

DETERRENT FORCES COMMANDER VISITS DAMASCUS

NC2920O1Y Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] The general situation in the country, the outcome of the talks which Foreign Minister Fu'ad Butrus had in Latakia, the security situation in the country in general and in the north in particular were the topics of discussions tonight at two meetings held by President Ilyas Sarkis with Chamber of Deputies Speaker Kamil al-As'ad and Col Sami al-Khatib, commander of the Arab Deterrent Forces.

This afternoon, Colonel al-Khatib visited Damascus where he met with some Syrian officials to discuss the situation in Lebanon in general.

AL-HUSS ADDRESSES SOCIAL WELFARE BANQUET

NC292046Y Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1805 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Speech by Prime Minister Salim al-Huss at 29 August banquet given by the social welfare organizations at the Carlton Hotel in Beirut--recorded]

[Excerpts] We are among those who say that the key to solving the political aspect of the Lebanese question is through disengaging it as much as possible from the Middle East question. It is known that separating the two questions in a definite way is difficult in practice. All Arab countries in the Middle East are in one way or another and in various degrees affected by the crisis in the area. However, no Arab country has been more deeply involved in the area question than Lebanon, the destiny of which appears to be intrinsically linked with the future of the Middle East crisis.

The political and security situation in Lebanon has been overburdened by its daily interaction with the repercussions and reflexes of the developments in the crisis in the area. Hence, the Lebanese citizen is looking for a solution to his problem through a solution acceptable to the Middle East question. This is despite the fact that Lebanon has no hand in solving the area question, whether in regard to timing, content or in regard to the course toward the desired solution. If there were any indications that a solution to the area question was near, we might then expect relaxation through this solution. However, since the matter is not in our hands and since there are no guarantees that the problem will not remain unsolved for a long time, logic dictates that the two issues should be kept as far apart as possible in practical terms. This would enable this country to coexist with the question in the area while awaiting an appropriate solution to this question. This can only be achieved by creating a single national will on the future and fate of this country. A unified national will can only be embodied in a specific formula for national detente.

Legitimacy is stronger than the arms of its enemies. The position of legitimacy is more solemn than enemy columns. Not a single person opposing legitimacy, whether in Lebanon or outside has dared to take a public stand against it. Even those who fought or resisted legitimacy in any one stage had done so, in agreement or otherwise, under the guise of safeguarding and supporting legitimacy. [applause] Not a single group in Lebanon has yet taken an openly antagonistic stand toward legitimacy. Not a single state in the world, not even the enemy, has allowed itself to publicly fight legitimacy.

The power of legitimacy lies in its stand. This leads me to say that those feeling desperate should seek hope and those who are in doubt should seek faith since the state has in its hand a weapon which it has not yet used. This is the weapon of position and of the decisive word. [applause]

There is no need to go into detail about national detente since it is a difficult subject having many ramifications. Any proposed formula must mainly tackle the suffering experienced by the citizens, including the question of the south, or the Lebanese issue in the south; the question of rebuilding the army on national, sound, solid foundations; and the question of illegal arming.

There shall be no concession in the state's sovereignty over a single inch of Lebanese territory. We want Lebanon to be a dear homeland with full sovereignty over its territory. There will be no voice above that of the state, no hand above that of the state and no shadow over its territory other than that of the state. The Arabism of Lebanon will not be given up. Lebanon will adhere to its full independence and will safeguard its national interests. We confirm this and say that Lebanon is confronting a tremendous challenge and is in a critical position in view of the Israeli attempts to exploit domestic contradictions and Lebanon's ordeal in order to achieve its aggressive goals in Lebanon and the Middle East.

We still believe that Lebanon will emerge only through the efforts of its citizens, their united will and sincere determination. We must realize that the solution to our question begins and ends here. We must not ask others what we should ask from ourselves. We must not look outside for what we must seek at home.

INA REPORTS FIGHTING CONTINUES IN BEIRUT

JN300909Y Baghdad INA in Arabic 0847 GMT 30 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Beirut, 30 August--The clashes which began yesterday between forces of the Lebanese Army and elements of the rightwing militia at the Al-Mathaf area--the area separating eastern and western Beirut--were renewed this morning.

Security sources said that an army roadblock in the area came under fire by armed men from the eastern area. The roadblock was reinforced with additional elements and weapons. Patrols on the main road of the area were reinforced.

VOL: NEPHEWS OF BSHARRI DEPUTY KIDNAPED, MURDERED

NC291230Y Voice of Lebanon [Clandestine] in Arabic to Lebanon 1115 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] In the wake of the operation which the Syrian deterrent forces carried out in Bsharri, today's reports indicate that two sons of the brother of Bsharri Deputy Shaykh Habib Kayruz--Hani As'ad Kayruz, an engineer who was married 10 days ago, and Anthony As'ad Kayruz--another person from the Kayruz family and two others from the Tawq family, who were kidnaped by Syrian soldiers, have been found murdered. Four other persons are still missing.

The Syrian forces kidnaped these persons during their attack against the Al-Arz-Bsharri area.

This morning, the area's deputies, Shaykh Habib Kayruz and Shaykh Jubran Tawq, met with President Ilyas Sarkis. They briefed him on the details and implications of the Syrian operations which have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with security.

Deputy Tawq also met for 10 minutes with Shaykh Pierre al-Jumayyil in B'abda Presidential Palace. Tawq gave him a detailed report on the situation in the Bsharri area, whereupon contacts were made with the deterrent forces command which blamed the recent actions to which the Lebanese citizens had been subjected in the Al-Arz-Bsharri area on a group not belonging to the deterrent force in the north.

VOICE OF LEBANON REPORTS RESULTS OF BSHARRI INCIDENTS

NC301153Y Voice of Lebanon [Clandestine] in Arabic to Lebanon 1115 GMT 30 Aug 78 NC

[Text] According to reports received by the Presidential Palace today, about 10,000 refugees from the Al-Batrun area have gone to Jubayl and Kasrawan. The reports also indicate that a number of citizens were detained when they returned to their homes in Al-Batrun villages after responding to the official statements calling on them to return to their homes.

According to other reports, the Syrian forces have prevented Red Cross personnel from removing some bodies in Kur village. The Red Cross has found five bodies in one house. Bishop Roland Abu Jawdah was forced to wear a mask while inspecting houses in Kur because of the smell from the dead bodies.

These facts were communicated to the Presidential Palace by the two Al-Batrun deputies today.

Other reports received by the Presidential Palace indicate that the Syrian forces in cooperation with a force commanded by Maj 'Ali Dib--the person responsible for the incidents which took place in Bsharri--have reinforced their positions at the Al-Arz forest crossroad. The palace has contacted the Arab Deterrent Forces' commander, Col Sami al-Khatib, and it was decided that the commander of the Syrian forces, Maj Gen 'Ali Aslan, should go to the Basharri area to insure the withdrawal of Maj 'Ali Dib's force.

VOICE OF ARAB SYRIA ON FIGHTING IN LEBANON

JN291127Y Voice of Arab Syria [Clandestine] in Arabic to Syria 0800 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Quoting a statement issued by the command of the Phalangist-Sham'unist militia, the Voice of the One Lebanon reports that 65 isolationists have been killed in the attack launched by the Arab Deterrent Forces on Al-Kura in northern Lebanon. The statement says that 1,350 commandos belonging to Hafiz al-Asad's regime have occupied Al-Kura township. Despite the ceasefire reached by the militia and the Hafiz al-Asad forces, sporadic clashes are continuing in the Al-Batrun area and roadblocks are still being erected on various roads.

BEIRUT RADIO REPORTS SITUATION CALM IN NORTH

NC291126Y Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1030 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Security reports at the disposal of the army company in the northern province indicate that the security situation in the entire district has been generally good this morning. Calm is currently prevailing, particularly in the Al-Batrun and Al-Arz areas, where no disruptions of security have been recorded.

SYRIAN FORCES OCCUPY AL-QULAY'AT AIRPORT

NC3011502 Voice of Lebanon [Clandestine] in Arabic to Lebanon 1115 GMT 30 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Arrivals from the north today told the Voice of Lebanon that the Syrian forces which shelled and destroyed several houses in the Al-Arz-Bsharri area have occupied Al-Qulay'at airport and installed radar-guided rockets in it. The Syrian forces have also placed 10 military helicopters in the airport.

The arrivals added that trucks were seen transporting military supplies and soldiers from northern Syria to Al-Qulay'at to reinforce the military positions in the north.

MENA: ISRAELI-RIGHTIST INCURSION IMMINENT

NC2910402 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1015 GMT 29 Aug 78 NC

[Text] Beirut, 29 August--According to reports from southern Lebanon, the rightist forces along the border strip in the Bint Jubayl district have been placed on maximum alert after being reinforced with additional forces.

According to these reports, the rightist forces maintain that an Israeli-rightist incursion from the sea will take place in the next few days and that it will cover the area from Tyre to An-Nabatiyah but will exclude the UN emergency forces' and Arab Deterrent Forces' positions. These reports add that the rightists emphasize to the citizens that the Israeli army will comb the southern district again to liquidate the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese Nationalist Movement.

The citizens in the south have noticed the transportation of sophisticated weapons to the villages in Bint Jubayl and the flow of foreign mercenaries who are joining the cliques of Majors Sa'd Haddad and Sami Shidyaq.

Arrivals from the border villages in the south confirm that the rightists have started to repair and evacuate the shelters and to build new barricades, bunkers and fortifications.

It has been reported that an Irish soldier named (Maysh) was killed yesterday and three others were wounded when chasing an isolationist group to prevent it from entering the Bayt Yahun axis. They also prevented another group from entering the town of Haddathah.

A responsible source with the joint forces of the Nationalist Movement has stated that on the night of 26-27 August a combat group attacked a rightist position in the Bint Jubayl district with machineguns and RPG's and that the group returned safely to base.

VOL: DEMONSTRATIONS HELD IN SOUTHERN VILLAGES

NC3006402 Voice of Lebanon [Clandestine] in Arabic to Lebanon 0515 GMT 30 Aug 78 NC

[Text] According to reports from the south, demonstrations were staged in some southern villages. The demonstrators demanded that there should be a military intervention in the Al-Arz area in the north. The intervention should aim to rescue the Lebanese citizens from the evil conspiracies that are being engineered against them and from the killings and displacements that are being carried out in response to instigations coming from beyond the borders--instigations contained in speeches and statements and commentaries from responsible people.

INA: ISRAELI BOATS CRUISE LEBANESE REGIONAL WATERS

JN300920Y Baghdad INA in Arabic 0845 GMT 30 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Beirut, 30 August--An estimated 25 enemy boats were seen last night cruising Lebanese territorial waters in the An-Naqurah to Az-Zahrani area in the south. They were accompanied by helicopters.

A military spokesman for the joint forces in southern Lebanon said that this activity is part of the military preparations the enemy is making to unleash an aggression on the joint forces in southern Lebanon.

NEW LEBANESE FOREIGN SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

NC301308Y Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1030 GMT 30 Aug 78 NC

[Summary] A decree was issued today effecting the following transfers in the foreign service: Husayn al-'Abdallah, the present ambassador in Lagos, has been transferred to Cairo as Lebanon's ambassador to Egypt and permanent delegate to the Arab League. Ibrahim Marruj, a counselor at the foreign service, has been transferred from the central administration in Beirut to Khartoum as ambassador to Sudan. Joseph Naffa', the present ambassador in Mexico has been transferred to Tokyo as Lebanon's ambassador to Japan. Khalil 'Itani, an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred to Washington as Lebanon's ambassador to the United States. Nasri Salhab, an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred from the central administration in Beirut to Algiers as Lebanon's ambassador to Algeria. 'Abbas Hamid, an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred from the central administration in Beirut to the embassy in Vienna. Shalih Makkawi, an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred from the Lebanese Embassy in Berlin to the Lebanese Embassy in London. Suhayl Furayji, a counselor in the foreign service, has been transferred from the Lebanese Consulate General in Sydney to the Lebanese Embassy in Islamabad. Jean Ghubikian, the present ambassador to Bogota, has been transferred to the Lebanese Embassy in Prague.

Salim Naffa', an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred to Bogota as ambassador to Colombia. Jean Hajji-tuma, the present ambassador in Brazilia, has been transferred to Stockholm as Lebanon's ambassador to Sweden. Antoine ad-Dahddah, an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred from the central administration in Beirut as Lebanon's ambassador to Brazilia. Nabih Nusayr, the present ambassador in Ottawa, has been transferred to Berlin as Lebanon's ambassador to the GDR.

Sulayman Farah has been transferred from the Lebanese Consultate General in Rio de Janiero to the Lebanese Embassy in Ottawa. Khalil Khalil has been transferred from the Lebanese Embassy in Tehran to the Lebanese Embassy in Bonn. Counselor Fu'ad at-Turk has been transferred from the Lebanese Embassy in Buenos Aires to the Lebanese Embassy in Tehran. Edmond Khayyat, the present ambassador in Montevideo, has been transferred to the Lebanese Embassy in Buenos Aires. Antoine Francis, an ambassador in the foreign service, has been transferred to the embassy in Montevideo. Marcelle Nammur has been appointed ambassador to Jordan.

DAMASCUS RADIO: U.S. PLANS TO CREATE NEW CRISIS IN LEBANON

JN2915150Y Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1915 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] The events and developments in the Arab region prove that Syria represents the conscience of the Arab nation and is the strong pan-Arab bastion defending the dignity, identity and pan-Arab existence of this Arab nation in its national, cultural and humanitarian aspects. A careful analysis of these events shows that Syria's pan-Arab stands are the result of Syria's clear political vision, its understanding of the dimensions of our pan-Arab struggle, and its awareness of the demands and requirements of the just Arab cause.

By observing the movements of the tools which work under the guidance of U.S. imperialism and which are operating on numerous axes, we are bound to be aware of certain facts, which can be summed up as follows:

1. Events have proved that the Syrian view on the capitulationist line is correct; namely, that this line is bound to fail and will not achieve anything except service to the interests of Israel and the United States. The United States, therefore, has been mustering all its forces and maneuvering to extricate As-Sadat from his stifling isolation on both the Arab and the international levels.

2. The United States itself is in the process of planning to ignite the situation in Lebanon, and this process is becoming more pronounced as the Camp David conference draws closer. The United States is distributing new roles for implementing the next stage of the U.S.-Israeli plan in the Arab region.

3. The U.S. administration has completed the final touches on this plan which it finds suitable for furthering its aims and future actions in the Arab region.

4. The Camp David conference is only a coverup for striking some kind of separate deal between the president of the Egyptian regime and Israel and to discuss the future nature of the relations between this regime and Israel. In other words, the results of this conference can only serve U.S. and Israeli interests.

5. It has been proven beyond doubt that the gangs of the Phalangists and the Sham'unists are tools employed by Israel against the legitimate Lebanese authorities and Arab Syria. They are guided by the Zionists' strategy, which basically believes in aggression against Arab Christians and Moslems not only in Lebanon but all over the Arab world.

6. The obscurantism of the leaders of the Phalangist and the Sham'unist gangs can no longer deceive Lebanese and Arab public opinion. These gangs cannot even convince the members of their own parties who had been deceived. These gangs have been cut down to size and exposed to the Arabs, who are now convinced that they are tied to the Zionist enemy and depend on him for weapons and support in carrying out the plot to divide Lebanon.

Syria is aware of all this and is representing the pan-Arab struggle. Syria is, therefore, concerned with the unity of Lebanon and with establishing peace and security in Lebanon. Syria, under President al-Asad, is able to confront the aggression and will not shirk its full responsibility, whether in punishing the agents, who are a handful of persons rejected by our people in Lebanon and in the Arab homeland, or in facing the aggression against Lebanon, no matter what form or size this aggression might be.

DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTS KHADDAM'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW

JN2921417Y Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 2115 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Moscow--'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, member of the national and regional commands of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs, arrived in Moscow this evening on an official visit to the Soviet Union that will last several days. He was received at the airport by Andrey Gromyko, Politburo member of the CPSU Central Committee and foreign minister, a number of Soviet officials, and the Syrian ambassador in Moscow and the embassy staff.

Khaddam left Damascus for Moscow this afternoon.

Beginning of Talks

JN3012407 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1115 GMT 30 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Moscow--Official talks began in Moscow today between Syrian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko. TASS said that the talks took place in an atmosphere of friendship and understanding and that special attention was paid to the Middle East situation.

INFORMATION MINISTER RECEIVES PALESTINIAN WRITERS DELEGATION

JN2719077 Damascus SANA in Arabic 1735 GMT 27 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Damascus, 27 August--At 1400 today Minister of Information Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad received a delegation of the General Secretariat of the Federation of Palestinian Journalists and Writers. The delegation comprised Jamil Hilal, Hanna Muqbil, Khalid Abu Khalid, Yahya Mukhlif, Rashad Abu Shawar, Faysal Hurani, Muhammad Zu'aytar and Sharif Jayyusi. Attending the meeting was Fu'ad Balat, secretary general of the Arab Journalists' federation in Syria.

During the meeting, the minister stressed the importance of Palestinian-Syrian cohesion and the need for joint political and cultural work to confront imperialist-Zionist deception and to repulse the treacherous, capitulationist line represented by the As-Sadat regime. Stress was also put on the important role of the Arab writers and journalists in publishing pan-Arab ideology and enlightening the Arab masses about the dangers threatening our homeland and the plots concocted against them.

The delegation briefed the minister on the results of the talks held with the Syrian Writers and Journalists Federation. The delegation members also asserted their belief in the pan-Arab role of Syria in the Arab homeland, and expressed eagerness to strengthen Syrian-Palestinian cohesion in order to thwart the conspirators plotting against the Arab cause.

DEFENSE MINISTER SPEAKS AT NAVAL DAY CEREMONY

JN3007307 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1915 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Excerpts] Latakia--Under the patronage of the commander in chief of the army and the armed forces, Syria today, Tuesday, 29 August, celebrated the anniversary of Syrian Naval Day by graduating the naval officers of the class named after the naval martyr, Lt Col Munir Ibn Nadim Saqr. Gen Mustafa Talas, deputy commander in chief and defense minister, was deputized to attend the celebration.

General Talas delivered a speech on the occasion in which he said: It is a happy occasion that your graduation coincides with your great day. I would like to convey to you greetings from your hero commander, Lt Gen Hafiz al-Asad, secretary general of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party, who said: At sea our naval forces have engaged in honorable battles and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in all his attempts to strike our coast. It has carried out its duty to the fullest satisfaction and thus deserves all appreciation and admiration.

This is quite true, Talas continued, for our naval force played a distinguished role in the glorious October War. Its brave men displayed great efficiency and capability in using advanced weapons. Our naval forces were able to safeguard our coast and prevent the Zionist enemy from occupying any part of it despite his repeated attempts. They were also able to provide protection for our naval transport, a protection which enabled supply convoys to reach our ports and unload their cargoes. This helped us to continue fighting the enemy along the confrontation lines. The enemy leaders were thus taken by surprise and their calculations went awry.

Talas referred to the enemy's admission of the ability, strength and distinguished role of the Syrian naval forces. He then reviewed this critical stage in the history of our nation, which is witnessing the wildest colonialist-imperialist-Zionist offensive, and exposed the humiliating conspiratorial role practiced by Egypt's ruler against the Arab cause.

Addressing the fighters, Talas said: Our country, under the leadership of the struggler leader Hafiz al-Asad, has realized the dimensions of the imperialist-Zionist schemes. From the first, Syria has been standing fast, waging a continuous and stubborn struggle against the current of capitulation and defeatism. Our people in Syria will continue to the end to expose the conspiratorial forces to the Arab masses. Our forces in Lebanon will remain the honest guard protecting Lebanon and helping its people to achieve calm and stability. The plotting of a handful of agents, traitors and renegades cannot dissuade our people from this civilized mission. Our army is the army of the Arab nation and the vanguard of confrontation against Zionism and its expansionist ambitions--as it was so described by President Hafiz al-Asad.

In your capacity as vanguards in the battle, you stand--backed by the Syrian masses--as an impregnable wall before the Zionist aggression and imperialist plotting. You protect our front and our homeland's soil. It is at the same time an honorable and noble duty you perform in fraternal Lebanon, where you are patiently making sacrifices so that Lebanon and its people may live safe and secure.

MOROCCO

GOVERNMENT ISSUES PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGED ALGERIAN AMBUSH

LD300114Y Rabat Domestic Service in Arabic 2300 GMT 29 Aug 78 LD

[Text] M'hamed Boucetta, minister of state in charge of foreign affairs and cooperation, today received at the Foreign Ministry the charge d'affaires of the United Arab Emirates, which is looking after the interests of Algeria in Rabat. Boucetta handed him a note addressed to the Algerian Government containing a strong protest against the serious incident which took place recently in (?Sata) Province. On 27 August 1978 at 1830 in Sidi Amarah in Wadi Dar'a, in the heart of Moroccan territory, a detachment of the auxiliary forces belonging to (?Sata) Province, whose task is to provide supplies to the (?Bin Jamil) post, was ambushed by elements of the Algerian regular army coming from Algerian territory. This resulted in a number of dead and wounded.

In the face of this naked act of aggression against Moroccan territory, the government of his majesty the king has submitted a strong protest emphasizing that it cannot possibly remain silent and inactive in the face of this ugly action. The government of his majesty the king places the full responsibility on the shoulders of the planners and perpetrators of this aggression and states that they will bear the grave consequences. Moreover, it considers it to be its duty to exercise its right to lawful self-defense to preserve Morocco's sovereignty and protect its citizens.

SUDAN

VICE PRESIDENT RECEIVES LETTER FROM PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER

JN291848Y Khartoum SUNA in Arabic 1815 GMT 29 Aug 78 JN

[Text] Khartoum, 29 Aug--Ar-Rashid at-Tahir, vice president and minister of foreign affairs, today received a letter from Muhammad Salih Muti', member of the Presidential Council and foreign minister of the PDRY. The letter deals with the coming ordinary session of the Arab League Council and with bilateral relations. The letter was delivered by Mr Ahmad 'Ali Maysiri, ambassador in the PDRY Foreign Ministry, when he met Mr at-Tahir today.

WESTERN SAHARA

INFORMATION MINISTER DENOUNCES 'EXPANSIONIST ATTITUDES' OF MOROCCO

PA300257Y Paris AFP in French 1502 GMT 29 Aug 78 PA

[Text] Lome, 29 Aug (AFP)--Saharawi Information Minister Mohamed Salem Ould Salek emphatically denounced today in Lome what he has called the "expansionist attitudes" of Morocco in northwest Africa. He also said that, according to information obtained from the POLISARIO Front, Morocco is organizing many thousands of Moroccans in camps close to Agadir who will later be sent to the Sahara to establish "colonies of people speaking and dressed like the Saharawi."

Salek, who is on an information tour through several African countries (Mali, Togo, Benin) and who was received Monday by President Eyadema of Togo, said in a statement to AFP that the war in the Sahara was the "result of the fait accompli policy followed by Hassan II and Ould Daddah against the Saharawi people." The Saharawi, he said, "are more determined than ever to combat the adventurist policy of the Moroccan king."

This policy, he added, "is rejected by all the peoples in the region, including the Moroccan people and army, who refuse to become the king's repressive machine against the brother peoples of Saharawi and Mauritania."

Referring to the current situation in the Saharan region, Ould Salek implicitly rejected the creation of a Saharawi ministate in the south Saharan region now belonging to Mauritania. "The Saharawi fatherland," he said, "is a complete entity and not an inch of our territory will remain in foreign hands."

"We have lost everything," he added, "and the fight will continue as long as it must... Hassan II must reach the same conclusions as Moktar Ould Daddah."

Finally the Saharawi minister described as "an act of banditry" the Madrid agreement signed in November 1975 by Morocco, Spain and Mauritania and emphatically said that no solution to the Sahara problem can be found without the participation and agreement of the Saharawi people and their POLISARIO Front representatives.

Regarding his mission in Africa, Salek believes that Togo, like many other African countries, could play an important role in the reestablishment of peace in northwest Africa. President Eyadema, he emphasized, has expressed himself strongly in favor of the cease-fire decreed by the POLISARIO in Mauritania and reasserted his country's support for the struggle of the Saharawi people. Togo, he recalled, was one of the first African countries to recognize the Saharawi Republic.

SAHARAN DEFENSE MINISTRY REPORTS MOROCCAN ATTACK

LD2623162 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic 2200 GMT 26 Aug 78 LD

[Excerpt] The Saharan Democratic Arab Republic Defense Ministry on the evening of 26 August issued a military statement affirming that the criminal nature of the occupation of the Western Sahara through armed force was again manifested on 21 August when the royalist Moroccan invasion forces used napalm bombs at Bir an-Nasran in a battle with the Saharan fighters which lasted several hours. The Saharan fighters used heavy arms and killed about 20 enemy soldiers and destroyed enemy installations and vehicles.

The aircraft of the invasion forces then rushed to the aid of these forces as they were being attacked by the patriotic forces, but they were put to flight by the fire of the Saharan fighters. However, the planes tried to accomplish their objectives by dropping napalm bombs, of which 30 exploded behind enemy lines.

BRIEFS

TUNISIAN FOREIGN TRADE--Tunis--In a study of foreign trade prepared by the Central Bank of Tunisia, it is stated that the Tunisian foreign trade balance during the first 4 months of this year recorded a deficit of 140 million dinars compared to 11.7 million during the same period last year. The volume of exports covering imports has fallen from 52.4 percent to 48.5 percent. The biggest rise in imports was in equipment and machinery. Improved returns from exports came mainly from the exports of calcium phosphate, super phosphate and readymade clothes. Export of olive oil continues to be weak. The study also shows that Tunisia's imports from Europe represented 87.3 percent of the total imports, compared to just over 80 percent in 1975. This increase has resulted in worsening of the trade balance with Europe, especially as Tunisia's exports to it remained stable and on occasions fell. Outside Europe, Tunisian trade has developed in Tunisia's favor and registered worthwhile surpluses, particularly with the Jamahiriyah and the United States. [Tunis TAP in Arabic 1400 GMT 25 Aug 78 LD]

WARNING GIVEN TO DAMASCUS VIA UNITED STATES

TA2911l0Y Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew 29 Aug 78 pp 1, 7 TA

[By Arye Zimmuqi, Yehoshu'a Talmor and Eytan Haber]

[Excerpts] Israel has made it plain to Syria, via the United States, that it will not be able to put up with the continuation of the violent activity being carried out by the Syrians in an attempt to conquer the Maronite people in Lebanon.

It may be that the remarks by Syrian President al-Asad yesterday after his meeting with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fu'ad Butrus in Latakia were said in reaction to this Israeli warning and other things heard in Israel on this matter. In reply to questions by correspondents, Al-Asad said: "If Israel tries to attack, we will stand up against the aggression and reply with a stormy war. We will never drop our responsibility from our shoulders.... It is not surprising that Israel is trying to impose its hegemony on a part of Lebanon, taking advantage of some of the Lebanese elements who have deviated from the national Lebanese line."

In pointing out that Israel was repeating its declaration that it would not stand on the side if the Syrians tried to break the "forces of the right" in Lebanon, Al-Asad said that "Israel has an expansionist plan for Lebanon and other places."

Observers in Israel expressed their views that, despite Al-Asad's intransigent declaration, Syria will be forced to continue its acts in Lebanon with care and will apparently refrain from wide-scale actions against the Christians. As opposed to this, it is clear that the Syrian Army will continue to carry out actions from time to time on a selectively small scale with the aim of as far as possible weakening the strength of the Christians, who are the main obstacle on the road to Syria's complete control over Lebanon.

In Jerusalem the prevalent feeling is that the United States--although it is disturbed by what is happening in Lebanon--is acting carefully and with too much restraint. There is even a view that the Americans are silently supporting Syria's actions in Lebanon, since they want to pull Syrian President al-Asad, who today leans toward the Soviet Union, over to their side.

At this stage Israel is not discussing the use of direct military measures against the Syrians, but it is believed that if the situation in Lebanon becomes worse and there is a tangible danger of the extermination of the Christian people there, it will be necessary to consider the use of nondiplomatic measures.

CONTACTS WITH U.S. OVER LEBANON REMAIN CONSTANT

TA2911llY Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew 29 Aug 78 pp 1, 15 TA

[By Yosef Harif]

[Text] Israel is in constant contact with the United States regarding what is now occurring in Lebanon, in an attempt to illustrate the Syrian intention of controlling the Christian areas with the clear aim of breaking their strength. The cabinet regards the latest developments with great gravity and senior elements point to the latest declarations by Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad regarding Damascus' willingness "to push back an Israeli attack."

It is to be expected that within a short time Israel will issue a warning that it will not be able to sit with folded hands if the Syrian activities, which may endanger our security, continue.

In this connection, political circles mention the national consensus on the question of the attitude toward the situation in Lebanon which was mentioned yesterday by MK Yig'al Allon, chairman of the subcommittee for Lebanese affairs of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, together with the committee's chairman, Prof Moshe Arens, to Prime Minister Menahem Begin. At this meeting the grave situation created in Lebanon was discussed and, as has been learned, Begin shared in Allon's and Arens' grave evaluation.

It appears that in contacts Israel is holding with the United States, the Americans do not for the moment evaluate the situation in Lebanon with the same gravity as does Israel, nevertheless it appears that in Washington, too, concern is emerging of a flareup on the Syrian-Israeli front.

Political observers in Jerusalem believe that President al-Asad seriously intends to take control over parts of Lebanon and base Syria's strength in the strategic places and, in this context, in southern Lebanon, on the assumption that this is the correct timing: the eve of the convening of the Camp David summit conference.

The Syrian assumption that Israel's hands will be tied out of unwillingness to get involved in a military action against the background of the Camp David summit is what has apparently encouraged the Damascus authorities to increase their activities in Lebanon, including taking control of Lebanese villages by airborne commando forces.

Although the Christians' strength is still considerable, Israel fears that the Syrian advantage in weapons may influence them to open an encompassing campaign against the Christians, if it becomes plain to them that their first attempts have passed without a reaction.

KNESSET COMMITTEE DISCUSSES S. LEBANON SITUATION

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[From the Afternoon Newsreel]

[Text] The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today held a long discussion on the situation in southern Lebanon. The assistant director of military intelligence in IDF General Headquarters participated in the meeting. He reported to the Knesset committee members about the situation in Lebanon. Our correspondent in the Knesset, Moshe Hakohen, talked with a few of the committee members after the meeting. [begin recording]

[Hakohen] Does the present Syrian offensive in northern Lebanon necessitate active Israeli involvement? The opinions are divided in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. Some favor immediate intervention, some reject intervention and some adopt a wait-and-see attitude. Furthermore, there are different nuances inside the camps of proponents and opponents. A few of those favoring intervention are divided about the character and scope of the intervention, while many of those opposed to intervention believe that in case there is a danger that the Christian community will be wiped out, Israel will ultimately have to intervene. We asked this question--should Israel intervene in the events in Lebanon--of three members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. First, the head of the subcommittee for Lebanon Affairs, Alinement MK Yig'al Allon:

[Allon] Any answer I may give you will prove harmful. If I say yes, I am thus warning the Syrians. If I say no, I am calming them down. Therefore, I believe that in anything pertaining to operational matters the Syrians ought to be preoccupied with guesses rather than be supplied with updated information.

[Hakohen] MK Yosef Rom from the Likud replied as follows to the same question:

[Rom] I think that the State of Israel should consider its steps in Lebanon according to the Israeli interests, which surely call for the prevention of a Syrian takeover of Lebanon. It is clear that the operation of the Syrian Army in northern Lebanon is an act to establish new facts in the field and this certainly threatens to change the strategic situation of the Christians in the north, in the area of the Mount of Lebanon, Juniyah and northward. It is clear that the development obliges Israel to consider its moves.

[Hakohen] MK Amnon Rubinstein is the only one among the three Knesset members who is clearly opposed to an active Israeli intervention.

[Rubinstein] I greatly fear an intensified Israeli intervention in Lebanon. In my opinion, the task of defending the Christian community in Lebanon is primarily and foremost that of the United States. In my mind, the partition of Lebanon is something which cannot be helped. This is a historic and political imperative which also serves the goals of the United States, Israel and all sane people in the region. Our main effort today should be political.

[Hakohen] These are the main views. What degree of influence will they have on the government's decision? It seems that the most realistic assessment regarding this influence was made by MK Hayyim Corfu, the Likud's representative on the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. He says: The government will ultimately be the one to decide whether there will be an intervention and the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee will accept any decision taken by it. [end recording]

CHRISTIANS URGE IMMEDIATE ISRAELI INTERVENTION

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[Text] About 3,000 residents of the Christian enclave north of Metulla, headed by the commander of the enclave, Major Haddad, demonstrated in front of the good fence at noon today, calling on the IDF to enter Lebanon immediately in order to rescue the Christians from the Syrians.

Major Haddad said that Damascus is taking advantage of the preparations for the Camp David summit in order to liquidate the Christians. If Israel waits until after the summit it will be too late since there will be nobody whom it can rescue by then, he said.

BEGIN, DAYAN, WEIZMAN MEET HART ON LEBANON

TA301157Y Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 30 Aug 78 TA

[Text] This morning the prime minister, the foreign minister and the defense minister met with U.S. Charge d'Affaires Sam Hart in the prime minister's office in Jerusalem. They warned of the seriousness of the situation in Lebanon. Begin was the one who called the U.S. diplomat. The ministerial team later discussed this matter with Chief of Staff Refa'el Eytan and UN Forces Commander General Siilasvuo.

Sources in Jerusalem told political correspondent Shalom Qital that the Syrians are trying to embarrass Israel and are planning moves just prior to Camp David. Israel is conducting continual contacts with the United States in order to clarify to it the severity with which it views events in Lebanon.

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GUSH EMUNIM WILL NOT SIT QUIETLY DURING SUMMIT

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[By 'Amir Shapira]

[Text] Gush Emunim will not refrain from protest activities and demonstrations during the Camp David talks, but it appears that it will be able to curb extremist elements within it who want to carry out attempts at settling during the talks.

Yesterday I learned that the Gush Emunim secretariat has not made any decision restraining its peoples' activities during the talks--although there is a specific resolution expressing hope for their success--despite the fact that there is awareness of the fact that showcase activities in the settlement sphere may cause inconceivable harm to Israel. The Gush secretariat has not made such a decision despite the fact that it has in its hands information that broad circles among the Gush Emunim members--including members of the settlements in Samaria--are demanding a broadening of protest activities beyond simply holding rallies and demonstrations.

A settlement source close to Gush Emunim believes that during the talks the secretariat will be able to prevent bitter violations which would lead to showcase activities harmful in the long term--as he put it--to any settlement issue in Judaea and Samaria.

In a talk with me, a Gush Emunim secretariat member denied rumors that there is contact between the prime minister's office and the leaders of the Gush, with the aim of obtaining a specific commitment on their part not to act during the Israeli delegation's talks at Camp David. "There has not been any such appeal," he said, "and in any case, no commitment whatsoever."

The same source refrained from answering whether the Gush would initiate a contact with the prime minister before his departure for the talks, in order to increase his commitment to promises he once gave at official and unofficial meetings with members of Gush Emunim, but I learned that there is indeed such a possibility and it is not inconceivable that the initiative for such a meeting will come on the part of Gush Emunim.

Under the cover of the calm today on the settlement front, quiet activities of populating and broadening some of the Gush Emunim settlements are being put into operation on the eve of Camp David. Yesterday it was made plain that several hundred people are already living in the Haris settlement (families with their children). Some of the buildings constructed as living units have not yet been occupied because of the need to use them as classrooms and kindergartens. Dozens of additional families have also joined Allon More recently and many families will soon be living there with their 230 children, and the construction of dozens of additional apartments is continuing. Broadening is also being carried out in the An-Nabi Salih settlement (which was given its new name a few days ago: Halamish).

In the Bet El settlement the putting up of the first 30 living units is being completed this week (out of 90), and in the Giv'on settlement the Ministry of Housing has begun the preparatory work for the establishment of **the planned 100 living units. In Qarne Shomron** levelling work and ground breaking is continuing constantly in preparation for the setting up of 100 additional living units, while in Teqo'a--southeast of Jerusalem--within the next few days additional families due to live there are going to join.

PRC'S HUA KUO-FENG ARRIVES IN IRAN

LD291952Y Tehran PARS in English 1922 GMT 29 Aug 78 LD

[Text] Tehran, 29 Aug, PANA (PARS News Agency)--Hua Kuo-Feng, chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, arrived in Tehran a few minutes after 5 p.m. to a red-carpet welcome at Mehrabad Airport today.

His imperial majesty the shahanshah aryamehr, accompanied by Prime Minister Ja'far Sharif-Emami, cabinet ministers and military and civilian officials, greeted the distinguished guest at the steps of the plane. Chairman Hua Kuo-feng introduced members of his delegation, including Foreign Minister Huang Hua, to the shahanshah.

His imperial majesty and Chairman Hua stood on the special rostrum while the national anthems of the two countres were played and a 21-gun salute was fired. Then the shahanshah and his distinguished guest inspected a guard of honour and stood once again at the rostrum to salute the march past of the guard of honour.

Later the shahanshah and Chairman Hua left the airport for the Shahyad Monument, where Tehran Mayor Javad Shahrestani presented Chairman Hua with the golden key to Tehran and a silver fruit tray and a silver plate on behalf of the citizens of Tehran. Later his imperial majesty and Hua left the monument for chairman's residence in a helicopter.

TEHRAN PRESS REPORTS NEW POLITICAL PARTIES

LD291741Y Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1600 GMT 29 Aug 78 LD

[Text] Following the announcement of freedom of political activities by parties, today's evening papers carry items of the statements of new political groups, and name the political groups as follows:

The Nationalist Center
The Society of the Sentinels of the Constitution
The Party of Islamic Freedom-Seekers
The Iran Democratic Party
The Arya Socialist Party
The Iran Party
The Iranian People's Party
The Society of Socialists of the National Movement of the Radical Movement
The Freedom Movement
The Iranian People's Toilers' Party
The Pan-Iranist Party
The Socialist Democratic Party
The Free Moslem Society
Parties affiliated with the National Front

Some of these groups have expressed their views on the recent changes in Iran.

RASTAKHIZ PARTY DEPUTY SECRETARY ADDRESSES PARTY MEETING

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[Text] An introductory meeting was held this morning at the party headquarters in the capital in the presence of Javad Sa'id, deputy secretary general of Rastakhiz Party, and leading party officials. At this meeting, the deputy secretary general thanked the former party leaders for their services and said: The Rastakhiz Party is no longer an all-embracing party. In view of the legal liberties and studies which are underway, this party ought to review its tactics. Dr Sa'id stressed: With the announcement of a new program which will be prepared after sufficient study and consultation with informed party members, the party will begin its activity in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and Rastakhiz charter. Under these conditions, it should be specified who will remain in the Rastakhiz--not as a formality but with faith and belief in it--and who is inclined to join other parties.

While alluding to difficulties the Rastakhiz Party faces, he said: Of course, difficulties do exist; they will not stop us, but will motivate and encourage us to achieve party aims.

SUSPECTED ARSONIST RETURNED TO TEHRAN BY IRAQI BORDER POLICE

LD300915Y Tehran PARS in English 0700 GMT 30 Aug 78 LD

[Text] Tehran, 29 Aug, PANA (PARS News Agency)--Hashem 'Abdorreza Ashur, who has confessed to causing the cinema Rex fire in Abadan, arrived in Tehran today after being arrested by Iraqi border police and being handed over to Iranian Embassy officials in Baghdad, it was announced today. Ashur confessed to setting the cinema on fire to Iraqi Government officials.

SHAH RECEIVES INTERIOR MINISTER, NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL

LD291750Y Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1600 GMT 29 Aug 78 LD

[Excerpts] Interior Minister General Qarabaghi was received in audience by the shahanshah aryamehr today, and during the audience he introduced to his imperial majesty Mr Mohammad Hasan (Soraj-Hejazi), deputy guardian of the Imam Reza shrine and governor general of Khorasan, and Gen Ahmad Ali Mohaqqeqi, commander of the gendarmerie of the imperial state.

In an interview with our correspondent, the interior minister said: The shahanshah aryamehr has issued orders pertaining to the progress of the work at the Imam Reza shrine. The interior minister said: The powers so far given to the governors general will continue and the policy of decentralization will continue. The interior minister said: For the time being there shall be no changes in this ministry.

BRIEFS

PARS CHIEF RESIGNS--Tehran, Aug 27, PANA (PARS News Agency)--Mahmoud Jaffarian today resigned from his posts as deputy secretary general of the Rastakhiz Party and head of PARS News Agency. Houshang Pourshari' Ati, a prominent Iranian journalist, has replaced Jaffarian as the new supervisor of PANA. Pourshari' Ati has been PANA's chief deputy managing director and head of the news department. [Text] [Tehran PARS in English 1401 GMT 27 Aug 78 LD]

INDIA

MINISTER: SWEDEN WANTS TO SELL JETS DESPITE U.S. VETO

BK291513Y Bombay PTI in English 1459 GMT 29 Aug 78 BK

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 29 (PTI)--The government will shortly take a decision on the purchase of jet fighters for replacing the ageing fleet of Canberras and Hunters of the Indian Air Force, Professor Sher Singh, minister of state for defence production, informed the upper house of parliament today.

He was replying to a calling-attention motion moved by members on the reported blocking by the United States Government of the export to India of Viggen jet fighters by Sweden.

Prof. Sher Singh said Sweden had offered to sell the jet fighters and they wanted India to continue to consider the offer despite the stand taken by the U.S. Government.

India did not come in the picture directly and it was up to Sweden to seek clarification of the matter from the United States, the minister said.

Prof. Sher Singh told a ruling party member that to replace the obsolete fleet of fighters, it was proposed to buy some aircraft outright and then manufacture the same in the country.

He agreed with an opposition member that a delay in purchase of the jet fighters would increase the cost and said the government would shortly take a decision on the matter.

FOREIGN SECRETARY HOLDS TRADE TALKS IN BHUTAN

BK291227Y Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1000 GMT 29 Aug 78 BK

[Text] Indian Foreign Secretary Jagat Mehta held detailed discussions with Bhutan government leaders on bilateral trade and other subjects of mutual interest. Mehta has been in Bhutan for the last 3 days.

It may be recalled that the level of the Bhutan mission in India has been raised to a full-fledged embassy.

PAKISTAN

FORMER BHUTTO MINISTER CHARGED WITH MURDER

BK291509Y Hong Kong AFP in English 1145 GMT 29 Aug 78 BK

[Text] Karachi, Aug. 29 (AFP)--Jam Sadiq Ali, a former minister of deposed Premier Zulfiqar Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's government, was today formally charged with conspiring with some police and civilian officers to murder six opponents of the Bhutto regime in Sind Province in 1973.

The thirteen accused officials have been arrested by the military government of General Ziaul Haq and were today presented before a sessions court for trial. If convicted they might be sentenced to death like Bhutto, who was given a death sentence by Lahore High Court in another case of political murder.

Mr Bhutto is at present appealing before the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the death sentence.

The accused former minister, Jam Sadiq Ali, had escaped from Pakistan soon after the overthrow of the Bhutto government in a bloodless coup d'etat in July last year. He is at present reported to be living in London. The court has declared him an absconder and will try him in absentia.

SHAHI OUTLINES NUCLEAR, INDIAN OCEAN POLICIES

BK300846Y Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 29 Aug 78 BK

[Text] The chief martial law administrator's adviser on foreign affairs, Mr Agha Shahi, has said Pakistan is committed to the goal of nonproliferation and this commitment has been expressed in substance by our acceptance of international safeguards over our peaceful nuclear facilities. Speaking at the silver jubilee celebrations of the Pakistan Association of World Federalists in Karachi today, he said regretfully the policies adopted by some of the nuclear powers and their allies are discriminatory and less than even-handed. To achieve the goal of nonproliferation, the major powers themselves should first set an example by reducing their nuclear weapons. Secondly, it is necessary to apply uniform and nondiscriminatory safeguards over the nuclear facilities of all non-nuclear states, especially South Africa and Israel which have both the ambition and the capability to develop nuclear weapons. He said, instead of countering this immediate danger, the nuclear supplier states have imposed unilateral policies to prevent the transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes to the Third World countries even under strict international safeguards. The adviser said it is difficult to accept such policies which promote a concept of lesser sovereignty to developing countries.

Mr Agha Shahi said Pakistan did not wish to become embroiled in a global arms race. He said Pakistan wished to divert its limited resources to more constructive use. The adviser said: At the same time it is also essential that we contribute to the international endeavor for arms control and general and comprehensive disarmament. In this context, he recounted Pakistan's initiatives at the United Nations.

On the Indian Ocean question, he said Pakistan has proposed a balanced approach which aims both at the elimination of military presence and rivalry of the great powers as well as establishing conditions of the security of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean. He said: Integral to the concept of this zone of peace is that the entire area of the Indian Ocean, including the territories of the hinterland states, should be freed of nuclear weapons.

About the nuclear free zone in South Asia, he said: Since all the states in South Asia have unilaterally renounced nuclear weapons, it should not be difficult for them to commit themselves to this policy in a binding regional agreement. He said that India has yet to make a concrete response to Pakistan's proposal on accepting a mutual balanced reduction in the forces of the two countries. Mr Agha Shahi said the proposal for cutting down the forces of the two countries was made by Pakistan originally in 1974 and had been reiterated on several occasions since then. There is, however, as yet no concrete response from New Delhi.

In a message to the president, Fazal Elahi Chaudhry has expressed confidence that the Pakistan Association of World Federalists will continue to make a positive contribution for promoting understanding and good relations among nations and peoples.

PRO-AFGHAN PAMPHLET BANNED IN BALUCHISTAN

BK291726Y Hong Kong AFP in English 1717 GMT 29 Aug 78 BK

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 29 (AFP)--The government of Baluchistan Province has ordered confiscation of all copies of a pamphlet supporting the revolution in neighbouring Afghanistan. An announcement in provincial capital Quetta today said the pamphlet entitled "Afghan Revolution--A Good Tiding for Region" created ill will between different sections of citizens of Pakistan.

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